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1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. THERE WERE 17 MURDERS IN JAMAICA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD OF AUGUST 20-26. IN ADDITION, 2 PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) GENERAL SECRETARY D.K. DUNCAN BECAME INVOLVED IN YET ANOTHER INCIDENT WITH THE SECURITY FORCES ON AUG. 24. THE MOST SERIOUS ACT OF VIOLENCE IN SEVERAL WEEKS OCCURRED ON AUGUST 25 WHEN 4 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 17 INJURED BY GUNMEN WHO SPRAYED GUNFIRE INTO A DANCE HALL IN KINGSTON (REF A). A PNP DEMONSTRATION TURNED VIOLENCE AND ONE MAN WAS KILLED AND A POLICEMAN SERIOUSLY INJURED ON AUG. 26 (REF C). END SUMMARY.
3. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN AUGUST 20-2[illegible].
A) TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MURDERS 17

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B) SUSPECTED POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 3
C) SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 0
D) MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION 14
E) PERSONS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES 2
(THESE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE DAILY GLEANER, WHICH REPORTS INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC)).
4. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.
A) ON AUGUST 24 PIC REPORTED THAT PNP GENERAL SECRETARY D.K. DUNCAN HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN AN ALTERCATION WITH THE POLICE. THE PIC REPORTED THAT AFTER DUNCAN'S PARD BEEN STOPPED AT A ROADBLOCK, HE HAD BECOME ABUSIVE TOWARDS THOSE MANNING THE ROADBLOCK AND ACCUSED THE SECURITY FORCES OF ABUSE OF THEIR POWER. THE NEXT DAY, DUNCAN ACCUSED THE PIC OF DISTORTING THE FACTS, OF CREATING AN ILLEGAL ROADBLOCK, AND OF ABUSING

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HIM AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

B) EARLY IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 25 A GROUP OF MEN ARMED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS OPENED FIRE ON A PUBLIC DANCE HELD IN A PNP-DOMINATED SECTION OF KINGSTON. FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 17 INJURED BY THE GUN FIRE (REF A).

C) ON AUGUST 26 A PNP MARCH OF 3000 PROTESTED ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTS OF BRUTALITY BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THE PNP CROWD ATTACKED A MAN THEY BELIEVED TO BE JLP SUPPORTER AND BEAT HIM TO DEATH. THE CROWD ALSO ATTACKED A POLICEMAN AND SERIOUSLY INJURED HIM BEFORE OTHER POLICE CAME TO HIS RESCUE.

D) ON AUGUST 27 JAMAICA CARRIED OUT ITS FIRST HANGING IN OVER FOUR YEARS. CONRAD BERGER, A CONVICTED MURDERER, WAS HUNG AT THE ST. CATHERINE'S DISTRICT PRISON IN SPANISH TOWN. AFTER MUCH DEBATE, PARLIAMENT

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LAST YEAR DECIDED TO RETAIN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. THE ACTION CAN BE SEEN AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FIGHT TO DISCOURAGE VIOLENCE AND MURDERS IN THE COUNTRY.

E) THE LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT THE TWO-WEEK-OLD OPERATION CRIME STOP HAS RESULTED IN 315 PHONE CALLS FROM CITIZENS CONVEYING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE, LEADING TO THE APPREHENSION OF 6 GUNS, INCLUDING ONE AUTOMATIC WEAPON. A REWARD OF J$5,000 WAS PAID TO THE PERSON WHO PROVIDED THE INFORMATION ON THE AUTOMATIC WEAPON.

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